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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Xiaoyi JIANG et al, "Fast Segmentation of Range Images Into Planar Regions by Scan Line Grouping", Machine Vision and Applications, 1994, Vo. 7, No. 2, pages 115 to 122. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

2. JP 07-93541

3. JP 2001-62566

An English-language abstract of documents 2 and 3 is enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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